

Subject: Small Diversion Fish Screens

Background: Current state and federal efforts to screen diversions have been aimed at the larger diversions on the Sacramento River, San Joaquin River, and Bay Delta because these larger diversions are higher priority. However, it has been recognized that smaller diversions also have the potential to entrain juvenile fish and need to be addressed. As these efforts shift to screening of these smaller diversions (including hatchery, municipal, and agricultural water supply intakes), there is a need for a coordinated effort which is accessible at the local level.

Proposed Action: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) oversees an existing small screen diversion program. The Integration Panel recommends allocating \$900,000 to the NRCS for additional prioritization and screening of small diversions. The NRCS would be directed to work in close coordination with any local screening programs.

Geographic Area: Throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta system, including tributaries.

Recommended Funding: \$900,000 to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Coordination: The NRCS will be asked to work in cooperation with the USBR, NMFS, USFWS, CDWR, CDFG, Family Water Alliance, Coleman National Fish Hatchery, and local watershed conservancies, landowners and water districts.

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